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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**EX PARTE NOTICE**

**Re:** WC Docket 10-90; GN Docket 09-51; WC Docket 07-135; WC Docket 05-337;  
CC Docket 01-92; CC Docket 96-45; WC Docket 05-25; WC Docket 06-122.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 23, 2012 Melissa Newman and I, on behalf of CenturyLink met with Nicholas Degani of the Office of Commissioner Pai. We discussed CenturyLink's perspective on the Connect America Fund and universal service reform, specifically CenturyLink's support for the ABC Plan and the comments filed by CenturyLink and other ABC Plan proponents regarding the broadband cost model.<sup>1</sup> We also discussed CenturyLink's perspective on further intercarrier compensation reform, as set forth in the comments CenturyLink filed this spring.<sup>2</sup> We discussed CenturyLink's perspective on USF contributions reform, as reflected in the comments CenturyLink filed recently in that docket.<sup>3</sup> Finally, we supported the idea that the Commission should issue a mandatory data request in the special access docket to develop a full understanding of markets for high-capacity services, which are so competitive that additional price regulation would harm customers and the public interest.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this notice is being filed in the above-referenced dockets. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S Lanning

cc: Nicholas Degani

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<sup>1</sup> Comments of the United States Telecom Association, AT&T, CenturyLink, Fairpoint Communications, Frontier Communications, Verizon, and Windstream Communications, *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket 10-90, July 9, 2012.

<sup>2</sup> Comments of CenturyLink, *Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket 01-92, February 24, 2012.

<sup>3</sup> Comments of CenturyLink, *Universal Service Contribution Methodology*, WC Docket 06-122, July 9, 2012.



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